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A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited in the Canadian Search Report in the corresponding Canadian Patent Application No. 2,358,604 filed October 10, 2001.

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